Using the Artistic Influences of the Harlem Renaissance to Memorialize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Directions:** Using the artistic styles of the Harlem Renaissance (poetry, jazz music, painting, or sculpture), create a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that includes the accomplishments of Dr. King as well as conveys the feelings or emotions appropriate to recognize his contributions to society. You need to do some outside research in order to complete this project because you need to model your artwork on an artist’s work from the Harlem Renaissance. In addition to your actual art project, you must also create an explanation of your work as well as the emotions and feelings that it is intended to convey.

**Steps:**

1. Research an artist from the Harlem Renaissance
2. Create a memorial in the style of the artist that you chose
3. Write an explanation of how your memorial matches the style of the Harlem Renaissance, how it commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and describe the feelings that you intend to invoke in the viewer/listener/audience.

**Requirements:**

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| **Criteria** | **0 – Non Existent** | **10 – Minimal** | **15 – Satisfactory** | **20 - Exemplary** |
| **Art Project**  Includes an art project that is either poetry, music (written, recorded or performed original work), painting, or sculpture | No art project submitted. | Demonstrates a meeting of the requirement.  Took less than ten minutes to create. | Meets all of the requirements, but | Demonstrates the students’ highest effort.  Effectively attempts to replicate the style of the Harlem Renaissance. |
| **Explanation**  Includes a paragraph that describes:   * The artist and work that you are modeling your project over * How your memorial matches the style of the artist * How your memorial commemorates MLK * The feelings that you intend to invoke in the viewer/listener/audience | Contains less than three of the criteria. | Contains three of the criteria. | Contains all four criteria, with less than 2-3 sentences for each. | Contains all four criteria, with at least 2-3 sentences for each. |